

THE HIGHWAYS.

Their Business Management. A Plea for Better Town Administration of Road Affairs.

These head lines seem to indicate that road matters are going wrong. Not entirely this. Fair progress has been made in road improvement throughout the state, but for the expenditure made we might do better.

During the ten years of State aid to towns for highway improvement, there has been expended of state money the sum of \$883,640, and in addition to this the twenty per cent tax that towns are required to raise for road maintenance, which in the same period of time has amounted to at least \$3,543,560, making a total expenditure in the last ten years of \$4,427,200, which is \$296 for every mile of road in the state, an average per year of about \$30 per mile. Considering that this includes all streets, roads, back country lanes, and every thing that is an open road, and taking into account the large mileage of narrow back roads that are but little used and but little money expended upon them, this showing is not satisfactory.

Dissatisfaction appears in some sections, in the number of towns that applied at the last session of the Legislature for authority to elect more than one road commissioner in each of those towns. The people of those towns are chafing under existing conditions, but their relief will be found in improving town administration instead of creating more of it. We were interested to note that these towns have usually elected a new inexperienced road commissioner each year, and have never settled down to any continuous good road policy; so it may reasonably be expected that simply increasing the number of road commissioners will aggravate or increase the difficulty instead of diminishing it.

Analyzing the subject to find the cause of inefficiency, unbusinesslike methods in town management, will be found the chief cause. The blame cannot all be placed upon the road commissioner. He is the chosen agent or servant of the town, and the road business is town business. The management of public road work should be delegated to none but capable men. The mistake has frequently been made of selecting men for road commissioners because they could accomplish a large amount of labor or boss a gang of men, but lacking in comprehension, good road judgment, and business ability—the most essential qualities.

There is altogether too much work done upon the roads that amounts to but little. There is a great loss from work being done out of season that should have been prevented by slight work done at the right time. Neglecting roads that are good, or fairly good, until they become bad and expensive to rebuild is poor and wasteful management. Towns should not keep a commissioner in office who neglects the roads to attend to his personal affairs, and works the roads when convenient for himself. The responsibility for such conduct rests with the town, for this is town business.

More economic measures should be adopted for maintaining roads, and more of the town money should be used with the state money for permanent road work. It costs much less to keep a good road good than is now used upon poor roads that are perpetually poor.

Towns that are succeeding best in improving their roads are using an increasing portion of their town fund, in connection with the state appropriation, in road building of a permanent character. And if towns were required by law to provide at least one-third of the amount that is expended in those towns under state supervision, it would induce a better administration, and increase the mileage of good roads.

We urge consideration of these matters and call attention to the county road meetings which will soon be held. At these meetings all these matters are talked over and freely discussed; efforts are made to plan out and secure the adoption of better methods and a general working system. The commissioners form their plans and get the key note for the year's work, and their should be a wide-awake general interest in these meetings and the subjects there considered. Selection especially should be interested for their towns and to aid in advancing the cause of Good Roads.

These county meetings of the state will be held as follows:

Addison, at Middlebury, the Addison House, Tuesday, March 24; Bennington, at Bennington, the Putnam, Thursday, March 26; Caledonia, at St. Johnsbury, the Avenue House, Wednesday, April 15; Chittenden, at Burlington, the Van Ness, Tuesday, April 7; Essex, at Guildhall, the hotel, Tuesday, April 21; Franklin, at St. Albans, the American, Thursday, April 9; Grand Isle, at South Hero, the hotel, Wednesday, April 8; Lamoille, at Hyde Park, the Phoenix, Tuesday, April 14; Orange, at Chelsea, the hotel, Tuesday, March 31; Orleans, at Newport, the Memphremagog, Thursday, April 16; Rutland, at Rutland, the Bardwell, Wednesday, March 25; Washington, at Montpelier, the Pavilion, Thursday, April 23; Windham, at Brattleboro, the Brooks House, Thursday, April 2; Windsor, at White River Junction, the Junction House, Wednesday, April 1.

All meetings to commence at 10:30 o'clock a. m., with afternoon session. It is impossible to reach the meeting in your own county, then attend the meeting of another county.

J. O. SANFORD,
State Highway Commissioner.

Live in the Present.

"Put the Vermonters at the head and keep the column closed up." This compliment to the marching qualities of the old Vermont brigade, ascribed to Gen. John Sedgwick, commander of the Sixth Corps in the Army of the Potomac, has served its time and should be given a rest. It has wound up perorations and toasts innumerable, and is getting rather stale—lacking the element of novelty, so to speak. Its meaning has been misunderstood and its intent exaggerated to the point that has caused our youth to believe that once, at a critical moment in battle, a great Union general, desiring to carry by assault the enemy's strong-hold, and fearful that his other troops lacked in courage, ordered the Vermonters to lead the advance and the others to keep up if they could. Of course Vermont did more than its part in suppressing the Rebellion—and the same can be said of every northern state, if you go to it for the story. State pride is commendable, but don't let's overdo it, and let's not depend too much on what the Vermont brigade or the Green Mountain Boys did. We live in the present. What are we doing for the honor of our state?—*Randolph Herald and News*

Washington had no trust problem to face in his day, nor did the free coinage question give him occasion for serious thought. The matter of protecting American labor was, however, a burning question in the early days of the Republic. Washington was sound on that as on other national issues. The first act of the first Congress affecting the entire country was the act establishing a protective tariff, which was signed by President George Washington, July 4, 1789. In the preamble to the act it was stated that one of its objects was "the encouragement and protection of manufactures."

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Mr. Bryan's declaration that the next Democratic National Convention "must" reaffirm the party's platforms of 1896 and 1900 has caused dismay in some quarters. The twice defeated candidate is a very resolute man, and he and his followers will either have their platforms re-endorsed or know the reason why. In this part of the country the leaders of the Democracy would be glad to drop some things out of those platforms, but the party principles will be proclaimed as fixed upon by the Democrats of the South and West, and there is no indication that they will disappoint Mr. Bryan in this matter.

It Saved His Leg.

P. A. Dantforth of Latrobe, Pa., suffered for six months with a frightful running sore on his leg; but writes that Bucklen's Arnica Salve wholly cured it in five days. For Ulcers, Wounds, Piles, it's the best salve in the world. Cure guaranteed. Only 25c. Sold by Slayton & Sanders, druggists.

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New York city is 250 years old, but she is not going to have a public celebration until May, when the weather will probably be agreeable.

More Rhots.

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The comments of the Eastern Democratic press upon Mr. Bryan's declaration that the party next year must reaffirm the Kansas City platform in every line thereof will be awaited with interest. In this vicinity there is an inclination on the part of the esteemed organs to shun the subject as if there was in it political dynamite. Let the organs speak out upon this interesting theme.

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Makes Hens Lay.

"Page's Perfected Poultry Food" is warranted to do this.

Booker Washington's plan of a conference between representative white men and leaders of the colored race is attracting attention. His proposition in brief is this: That a national convention shall be held, in which men of the two races shall talk over dispassionately, with good will and business sense, the actual state of things in the relations between the two races, and the way out of it. He thinks the times and conditions are quite ripe for such a conference, and that it would result in benefit to both races. Such a movement more particularly concerns the South. The response of leading white men of that section to this proposition will be awaited with interest.

La grippe coughs yield quickly to the wonderful curative qualities of Foley's Honey and Tar. There is nothing else "just as good."

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Oil has been struck in Ireland. Who knows but the emerald isle may yet become the Pennsylvania of Europe?

The Stomach Is the Man.

A weak stomach weakens the man, because it cannot transform the food he eats into nourishment. Health and strength cannot be restored to any sick man or weak woman without first restoring health and strength to the stomach. A weak stomach cannot digest enough food to feed the tissues and revive the tired and run down limbs and organs of the body. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure, cleanses, purifies, sweetens and strengthens the glands and membranes of the stomach, and cures indigestion, dyspepsia, and all stomach troubles.

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According to a story published in a New York paper the anarchists of Europe are about to send delegates to a secret convention which is to frame plots against the lives of monarchs and make arrangements for carrying into effect these conspiracies. The boastful talk of a young anarchist, it is said, caused the disclosure of the scheme. If there is any basis of fact in the story, the authorities will make good use of the discovery no doubt, and will have their emissaries in the conclave. Quite likely there is among the anarchists a will to perpetrate deeds of violence, but there is too much of the boastful spirit among the younger members of these haters of law and order to comport with the secrecy which the older heads wish to preserve in the "removal" of the governmental chiefs.

A Remarkable Case.

One of the most remarkable cases of cold, deep seated on the lungs, causing pneumonia, is that of Mrs. G. Grude E. Penn-r, Marion, Ind., who was entirely cured by the use of One Minute Cough Cure. "The coughing and straining so weakened me that I ran down in weight from 148 to 92 pounds. I tried a number of remedies to no avail until I used One Minute Cough Cure. Four bottles of this wonderful remedy cured me entirely of the cough, strengthened my lungs and restored me to my normal weight, health and strength."

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Judge William R. Day by the appointment of President Roosevelt and the Senate's confirmation, takes the place on the United States Supreme bench vacated by the resignation of Justice George Shiras. The latter has held the position since October, 1892. He is a Pennsylvanian, and the fifth son of the Keystone State to sit as a member of the highest court in the land. Judge Shiras is a graduate of Yale, a member of the famous class of 1853. Judge Day's record as a member of President McKinley's Cabinet and of the Peace Commission which arranged the terms of settlement between the United States and Spain is well known. He has been a Judge of the United States Circuit Court, for the Sixth Circuit Court, since 1899.

What's in a Name?

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Traveling With a Wheelbarrow.

"Potter, the wheelbarrow crank," traveled across the continent in 1878. His first name was Lyman and his place of residence Albany. He was a shoemaker by trade and much given to boasting of his feats as a pedestrian. O'Leary was doing his big walking about that time and had just finished a ten days' walk at New York city. One day in the presence of many witnesses Potter said that he himself could outdo O'Leary in feats of endurance. Some one suggested that he walk to San Francisco on trial. Potter did not hesitate a moment, but offered to wager that he could make the trip in a given length of time and, furthermore, that he could wheel a "paddy" barrow the entire distance.

The money was covered, and Potter left his home on Dove street, Albany, on the morning of April 10, 1878, and arrived at San Francisco on the evening of Oct. 6, being exactly 180 days in making the trip. The wheelbarrow and load—his clothing and cooking utensils—weighed seventy-five pounds. The distance traveled was 4,085 miles.

The Influence of Odors.

Would you believe that both natural perfumes and artificial odors exert a real influence on our minds? A physician has favored us with a detailed statement as the result of lifelong observation. He says that the geranium inspires a man with audacity, self possession, reckless daring. The violet inclines to devotion and tender affection; the benzoin to reverie, poetry, inconstancy. Mint is the mother of cunning and sharp practices. The verbena begets artistic taste. Camphor brutalizes a man. Russian leather renders effeminate and develops a taste for pleasure and self indulgence. Opopanax engenders madness. Amber enkindles inspiration. It is the perfume of bluestocksings.

Dinners in the Sixteenth Century.

State banquets became very elaborate and expensive in the earlier half of the sixteenth century, which was the period of pageants and mumming. Excesses in feasting in Edward III's reign were so great that the king framed rules forbidding any common man to have dainty dishes or costly drinks at his table. He did not, however, practice economy in his own household, for the marriage feast of his third son, Lionel, duke of Clarence, was exceedingly sumptuous. There were thirty courses to it, and the fragments sufficed to feed a thousand people.

The Indians and Hudson.

There is in the Royal museum at The Hague, Holland, a curious old document describing the adventures of Henry Hudson, a navigator in the service of the Dutch East India company. He it was who discovered the river to which he gave his name. A passage of the document reads as follows: "The natives, or Indians, on his first coming here regarded the ship with mighty wonder and looked upon it as a sea monster and declared that such a ship or people had never been there before."

A Mother's Recommendation.

I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for a number of years and have no hesitancy in saying that it is the best remedy for coughs, colds and croup I have ever used in my family. I have not words to express my confidence in this remedy.—Mrs. J. A. Moore, North Star, Mich.

Fertilizing Salt.

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One Two-Story Double Tenement in Hyde Park

Village. Is at present occupied by three families. It will easily accommodate four. Is the first building west of the Roman Catholic church in Hyde Park, has two good gardens, a barn provided for the use of two families, woodsheds, village water, electric lights, sewerage, etc. It ought to be worth \$1500. Would sell it for \$1100, \$300 down, balance \$50 per year.

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One Hundred Acres of Land in Eden.

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